



Art by Karen Thurman

The Mosaic Feelings of Christmas

I'll be home for Christmas...

g home for Christmas. phrase evokes a different feeling in the mind of each BYU student. st almost looks forward to the chance to spend time with their s and share in those Christmas traditions. But it is much more at, too. he homesick freshman, it may mean reporting back on the ac- of that first big semester away from home — seeing all those high friends and comparing notes. It's visiting those old hangouts and g others have moved into the places you left vacant. realizing time has gone by, even though you've been gone. he more seasoned college student, going home may be considered rationally. You worry more about things like if you'll have a car hile you're home. You consider how you'll get along with your s. Will they still treat you like the high school student that left year ago? many finals-weary students, a big part of going home may be the f having a place to 'crash' where you can be yourself. Your mother e you even if you sleep for three days before speaking to her — and x you breakfast in bed. It's the perfect place to recover from finals vitalize yourself before the new year, and semester, begin. n arriving home, some students are greeted by parents with a list e they've been saving all semester just for them to do. First on the almost always, "Clean out the basement." Others return home to hey've been relegated to the guest status. Every effort to do their undry, fix meals or make a bed, is quickly and efficiently taken y a well-meaning guardian. many who once felt they were going HOME when heading for the of their birth, it may seem they're only visiting now. After several at school, HOME is that place where you live and attend school ur house is the place you visit during vacations. mpletely new experience may await married students who begin liday rotation between in-laws. The son or daughter must realize it nger his home, but a place to visit and reminisce about days gone he spouse must patiently adapt himself to the holiday traditions bits of a different set of parents. some, going home may simply mean driving across town after that al. To many newly-formed families it may be the first Christmas for Christmas is a part of the year which we all need to help us keep rpectives throughout the rest of the year when we're enveloped in unpus environment. as soon as I finish cleaning the basement, I'm going to make the of my time at home with family and old friends.

— Nancy Benac
Universe Staff Writer

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem;

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:4-14

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Matthew 1:1-2, 9-12

Meaning behind the blare

It's that time of the year again and there's no getting away from it all. A month early the signs start popping up all over — first the Christmas music blaring over the intercom in the department store. Then the tinsel decorations up and down main street. And before long the shimmering trees in picture windows framed with fake snow, teams of reindeer and plump snowmen as front yard decorations and brightly-colored lights strewn up and down whole blocks at a time.

You can't help but be swept up by it all. Even the biggest kid's eyes light up to see the growing pile of presents under the tree. The grouchy cashier somehow manages a wink for the ecstatic mother who has found "just the doll for Stephanie." Even the "Scrooges" know that the tiny, intricate flakes falling outside and the huge mounds of snow mean it's going to be a White Christmas.

Yes, there is hustle and bustle. There are long lines everywhere and jingle bells that jingle on every corner. But there is something else. Something behind this mad, frantic rush that sends quiet goose bumps up and down the spine and brings an occasional tear to the eye.

What is it about this season we call Christmas that transforms people into giving, loving beings? That plants seeds of humility, trust and faith in the questioning, wavering heart.

Can wrapping paper and bows, carols and delicate snowflakes have such a profound effect? No, there is meaning much deeper than all of this that binds all men together in joyous celebration.

Some say we have forgotten where the true meaning of Christmas lies. Yet the carols sung by choirs recall the radiance of the humble Christ child. They implant in us a yearning to know Him and a desire to be as He was.

Brightly-wrapped presents given in the true spirit of love remind us of the gift that was given so generously to each of us on that very first Christmas. We learn to give our very best gifts, as did He.

Exchanged greeting cards turn enemies into friends. Parents and offspring overlook differences, and small children empty their piggy banks to buy special gifts for loved ones.

People generously open their wallets to the poor and unfortunate, and share the precious gift of time with the lonely.

With only two weeks until December 25, most of us will soon find ourselves scrambling to complete all those last minute tasks. There will be hours spent wandering through congested department store aisles and juggling of gift lists to make sure no one has been left out. It is often an easy thing to let the day pass us by without having taken even a moment to reflect on the underlying message of the season's trimmings.

This Christmas, in between the parties, the tinsel and presents, let us all endeavor to discover the true meaning of Christmas for ourselves, and then when the season has past let us take these seeds of unselfishness, of charity and love to nurture them in our hearts throughout the coming new year.

— Marci Judd
Universe Staff Writer

Computer games, Kissing Barbie

Sophisticated toys lead gift lists



Universe photo by Gail Underhill.

The Chewbacca doll is one of the fast-selling Star Wars items on sale this year. Because of the popularity of toys based around the movie, some stores have entire aisles stocked with such toys as laser pistols, and Jawa Sandcrawlers.

By ANNE THORNTON
Universe Staff Writer

Futuristic toys, computer games and kissing dolls lead the toy list for 1979. A Star Wars Jawa Sandcrawler, or a kissing Barbie or any electronic game with a variety of functions would be a delight for any child to find under the tree on Christmas day.

"My six-year-old boy is big on Star Wars this year," said Carolyn Hone who was doing some Christmas shopping recently. "He wants everything connected with Star Wars."

"The Star Wars movie has created a toy industry in itself," said Bob Whittaker, floor manager of Penney's in the University Mall. An entire row of shelves is reserved for Star Wars toys, he said.

Star Wars characters are available as "poseable action figures" in various sizes. The smallest dolls, four inches tall, cost approximately \$2.50 each. Other toys include an battery-operated Jawa Sandcrawler, costing about \$97, and the Darth Vader Tie Fighter costing about \$15. There's even a Star Wars Electronic Laser Battle Game. Every girl wants a doll for Christmas, but she doesn't want just any doll.

"They want a doll that can do everything, not just sit and look pretty," said Shauri Nielsen, manager of ZCMI's toy department.

This year's new Barbie has learned to kiss. After her back is pressed, she tilts her head and puckers her lip, complete with sound effects. A Barbie Perfume Maker is also a new item, as is the Barbie with Super Hair.

According to Whittaker, the Barbie dolls and accessories, which started in the '80s, are still the most popular. "There's still more of her than anything else," he said.

This year there are dolls that laugh, cry, slurp milk, grow, flip their hair, and slowly close their eyes. When Whoopie Doll's tummy is pressed, her pigtails fly up and she squeals. The Happy Baby, selling for about \$17, laughs and giggles when a string in her back is pulled.

Miss Piggy of Muppet fame has also hit the doll scene. She looks elegant in her lavender evening gown and gloves. She's even wearing light purple eye shadow. This 16 inch puppet-doll sells for around \$12.

Television characters are always popular dolls. Mork is available as a talking rag doll, a 12" doll, or a 4" doll in a space eggship. A Ronald McDonald doll sells for about \$17. Girls can also get a Betty Crocker Mini-Wave Oven just like Mommy's home microwave. The oven, selling for about \$14.99, uses one light bulb to bake a small cake in ten minutes.

Electronic toys are "really big," said Whittaker. "They're coming out with more and more."

Most of the electronic games cost between \$20 and \$30, but that doesn't seem to curb their interest. Many of them are the size of hand calculators

with a variety of games available including soccer, basketball, football, baseball, and auto race.

One of these games, the Computer Perfection, can provide four separate games for only \$35. It's a computerized show of sounds and lights that respond to the pressing of buttons. An Electronic Detective for the same price will present the viewer with over 130,000 different crime situations that he must solve.

Tonka trucks and machinery are always popular for the boys, said Whittaker. Dump trucks, graders, and strong arm loaders are some of the heavy-duty equipment available for this Christmas.

Some of the toys may be a little hard to ask for by name. One small plastic train engine is actually called, "Chugga-Chugga-Toot-Toot-Ding-Ding-ChooChoo."

"Big Wheels" are fast replacing tricycles, said Whittaker. They are less expensive, and are safer in escaping accidents, he said.

"Kids come in the store, and they tell their parents they want everything," Whittaker said. "The parents then say, 'Okay, we'll tell Santa Claus.'"

Local toy departments were expecting a recession, and did not stock as much this year, said Whittaker. "But people are buying as much as ever."

The toy assortment is tremendous, but remember, batteries are not included.

'The Chewbacca doll'

Stores order toys early

By DOUG DRAPER
Universe Staff Writer

Provo toy retailers place their orders to Santa before most children have last year's Christmas toys broken.

A successful Christmas toy season for some area merchants is dependent on placing orders far in advance of the Christmas rush. "We usually order our Christmas toys six months to a year before we start our Christmas season in August," said Gary Sadler, self-service manager of LaBelle's.

"We deal in special quantities direct from the manufacturers and have to plan a considerable time in advance for a successful year," Sadler said.

Other area vendors also concentrate toy purchases in the spring or earlier for Christmas. "At Kidde Ville, we specialize in toy sales throughout the year, but place a big order in April for our busy Christmas rush," said Louise Huish, store manager.

"We start loading the shelves from our back stock in September, but they usually come in before then," Gibson's toy buyer, Jeanne Connor, said.

Gibson's doubles its number of employees in the toy department to handle the Christmas rush, Miss Connor added.

"Already the toys are going really fast," Miss Connor said. "We are selling them as fast as we can get them in. We will sell as many toys as possible during this season, but we are going to run out of some of the favorite toys."

"Retailers are much at the mercy of the manufacturers and pick up the merchandise when we can. They know we need it and sometimes take their own sweet time at getting us their products," Sadler said.

The majority of the stores contacted agreed the electronic games are easily the season's best-selling toys.

Greg Hill, manager of the Davis Home Center in Santaquin, said the Christmas toy business is very competitive and he uses advertising and promotions to keep his patrons from traveling to Provo after lower prices on gifts.

"We discount our ornaments and other Christmas items, and use gift suggestions to promote our sales in power tools, books and housewares."

Despite low profit margins, strong competition and ordering difficulties, the area merchants enjoy the Christmas season. "It is a great time of the year, and we are happy to be participating in it," Sadler said.



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For the parents with everything

Mother

By CINDI LEE TURPIN
Universe Staff Writer

"It's that time of year again. The time that brings ad into the heart of every son or daughter. It's time to buy a Christmas present for mother.

"begins with a phone call. Hi, Mom, remember me, I'm your daughter."

The cute married one with all the darling kids?" No, the other one."

Oh, how much money do you need?" I don't need any money, Mom. I just wanted to see what you wanted for Christmas."

Oh, anything you get will be wonderful, dear." she says this ignoring the fact that the scarf you wear last year is still in the box and is propping the short leg of the card table in the sewing room.

As a result, you're left without a clue as to what to get her for the holiday. But don't panic, you can win this game. All it takes is a little initiative and activity, mothers are suckers for initiative and activity.

The secret is to get something for her that she never can't get for herself or wouldn't think of getting.

Food processors are big on the list this year. Nearly every woman covets one, but few can rationalize well enough to justify the expense. And they are expensive, costing in the hundreds of dollars. This would be a better group gift. If you happen to have 12 sisters in your family you're on Easy Street.

For those on tighter budgets there are some ideas of equal potential. An album of a favorite vocalist, remembrance or symphony makes a nice Christmas gift. Card buying has become such a youth-oriented thing that few adult women find themselves picking up an album." Furthermore, they're easy to ship.

Go yourself one better. Check out the schedules for local entertainment spots. Instead of just giving her a recording of her favorites, take her to see them in person. Make an evening of it and take her to dinner. What mother could turn down Johnny Mathis and dinner for two?

Remember when you used to bring home drawings of invisible cows from art class at grade school? And your mother would carry them around in her purse for a week, so she could just happen to stumble on them at the Relief Society luncheon? She hasn't changed. I think my mother still has my last letter in the back of her checkbook, along with her ivory soap coupons. It's looking a little worse for wear. But that's understandable after a year. That part of mother never changes.

Why not send her a poem you wrote or a sketch you doodled in class or even a scrapbook of successful papers and tests. She is interested in what you are doing and, moreover, she wants all her friends to be too.

If you've been away from school for a while, your mother is probably starting to forget what you look like. It's a little late for this year, but a nice portrait of yourself might be just the perfect thing for your mother. If you're really excited by this idea and don't think you can wait another 12 months, find yourself a beginning photography student who is desperately trying to find material for his portfolio. Volunteer your services as a model and he just might give you a few free prints in appreciation.

But the best idea I've heard comes from Gary In-sch, a junior in business fundamentals from El Cajon, Calif. He said: "The best gift I could give my mother would probably be to spend some time with her." And that's what I'm going to give my mother for Christmas, a coupon for an entire day of my time.



Universe photo by Larry Werner
A good gift idea for the mother with everything is a dinner for two with Johnny Mathis.

Father

By SUSAN HOLLINGSTON
Universe Staff Writer

your father is anything like mine, when you asked him what he wanted for Christmas his reply was, "I just want everyone to be happy so we can be peace in our home."

How can you expect to give a gift to someone who doesn't really want you to spend your money on him? A few suggestions are in line.

A quick trip out to University Mall, which was timed with shoppers, provided this writer with enough incentive to look high and low in search of the best gift for the father who has everything.

One salesman in a well-known sport shop suggested that "the" gift idea of the year for the man who thinks he has everything is a pair of rat-makeup shin guards. It would be a ideal gift for a father who wants his dad to have something no one else will have.

If your father is into football, and becomes easily fed with off times lopsided bowl game competitions, an NFL computer football game would be ideal.

Now, if your dad is the kind who gets bored at the ice and needs something to live up to his work, a miniature basketball hoop can be placed in the circular-file container in the corner of his office. And, of course, a set of executive dumbbells would round off any child's Christmas list.

If your dad ran out of the cologne you bought him at Christmas, take heart, there are at least a hundred new scents to choose from this year. Aramis, a top and cologne manufacturer, has been considered enough make their soaps in the shape of the different

zoo animals. You can live up to the family bath this year with soap in the shape of a pig, a hippo, a lion, a turtle, a teddy bear or a duck.

For the father who enjoys reading there are on every store's book shelf, hundreds of special-interest books ranging from "The Complete Book Of Indoor Gardening" to "1001 Ways To Shed Those Unwanted Pounds."

A hardbound book will not only enrich your father's scope of knowledge but it will enlarge the family reading collection and probably last forever. The collection of new LDS church publications is evidence of the known knowledge yet to be studied.

The new games out this year are mostly a new rendition of what was popular last year. My folks are famous for buying the same games over and over for each of us kids. There are eight of us and this year will probably yield the seventh monopoly game, the fifth scrabble game, the fourth game of backgammon and the eighth game of parcheesi.

For those of you with a bit of sentiment in your heart, a self portrait would please any father. And for the traditional child, who balks at going out on the limb in any situation, the classic pin-striped shirt and polyester tie is always a delightful choice. Last, but not the least of my heartwarming suggestions, is a leather, cowhide of course, wallet.

Now I bet you're wondering just what I'm going to get for my father, who, of course, claims to have everything. At the risk of spoiling the surprise, a new dust-collecting statue will adorn my father's desk. A pebble family made by a local artist, with all eight children and mom included.

Christmas to Iran

Even though about 50 American hostages in Tehran may not be home for Christmas, there is a way to send some Christmas cheer to them. An American living in Iran says he will be able to deliver Christmas cards to the American Hostages being held captive at the U.S. Embassy in Iran.

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Editors note: Hoping to learn of the Christmas wants and wishes of BYU's faculty and staff, reporter Jim Potoski was sent on a mission of discovery to the hallowed office-lined campus hallway. Here is his report given with individual's name followed by their response to the age old question "What do you want for Christmas?"

By JIM POTOSKI
Universe Staff Writer

Eugene H. Brannhall, Associate General Counsel
"First place in the Cougar Classic."

David A. Schulthess, BYU Sports Information Director
"Two weeks of unschooled activity to do the things I want to do."

Robert K. Thomas, Academic Vice President
"Peace."

Jae R. Baliff, Executive Vice President
"I would like everyone to understand that the source of enduring joy comes through learning truth and loving one another."

Glen C. Tuckett, BYU Athletic Director
"Another day in the week."
Gary Pullins, BYU Baseball Coach
"Like every other coach on campus, I'd like another WAC Championship. Also I'd like a kiss from my wife."



ROBERT K. THOMAS

LaVell Edwards, BYU Head Football Coach
"A victory over Indiana."
Karl Tucker, BYU Golf Coach
"For all my athletes to be eligible and of national championship quality. I'd like to put the NCAA Championship in our stocking."
Floyd Taylor, Athletic Business Manager
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"A formula for a 20-0 record in the 1980 soccer season."

Clarence Robinson, BYU Track Coach
"WAC and NCAA Championship, plus certain athletes to go with it."

George Pace, Religion Department
"A mortgage-free home."

Leaun G. Otten, Religion Department
"Peace in the world and the love of my family."

C. Max Caldwell, Religion Department
"Rest." And D&C 59:23. "But learn that he who doeth the works of righteousness shall receive his reward, even peace in the world to come."

Clark Johnson, Religion Department
"Peace of mind."

Ralph Barney, Communications Department
"Brighter and more inquiring students."

George S. Barrus, Communications Department
"Speaking knowledge of the French language. Six more months of French in the next two weeks for my study abroad trip to Paris."



LEAUN G. OTTEN

Elmo S. Roundy, Physical Education Department

"A set of golf clubs."

Clara Holley, Football Secretary

"A big victory in the Holiday Bowl."

Donald D. Shaw, Assistant Dean College of Physical Education

"I already got it, a beautiful nine-and-a-half pound redheaded baby girl from my son and his wife."

Paul C. Richards, Public Communications

"A motorcycle and captain's chairs for my van."

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"A kiss and a hug from my wife."

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"A million dollars."

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"Time enough to get organized, or somebody to read my final exams."

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Monroe J. Paxman, Political Science Department

"A trip to Hawaii."

Donna Lee Bowen, Political Science Department

"The introduction to my dissertation typed in final form and approved by my advisers."

Henry C. Finney

"A happy, placid family."

Dale F. Pearson, Sociology Department

"I told my kids I want a case of food, like beans, peas, etc."

Genevieve Dehoyos, Sociology Department

"A zoom lens for my camera."

Berkley Spencer, Sociology Department

"The gospel to be taken to the whole world."

Barry Johnson, Sociology Department

"To see the hostages get home and out of the Embassy."

Richard E. Johnson, Sociology Department

"A whole semester without any students who want an incomplete."



PAUL C. RICHARDS



J. KEITH MELVILLE

Roland H. Koller, II, Economics Department

"More time."

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Douglas Thayer, English Department

"A new Avon rubber boat, so I can flyfish and run rivers."

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Santa grants interview

Note: A few days ago, The Daily Universe was fortunate enough to get an exclusive interview with Santa when our reporter, Wendy, happened to run into everybody's favorite as he was comparing prices at a local

Universe: Santa, how are things going for you? I suppose your elves are working the clock trying to get things done for the big

Things are going okay I guess. We just our last red wagon on Thursday. Today we have the tricycles — 13,854 tricycles we have to for the elves. I'd keep 'em working 'round if it weren't for their union.

nion? Your elves have a union? You bet. Those little buggers, bless their hearts, they organized themselves into a ck in 1973, and THAT'S what started the ion hrruhaha.

hat's very interesting. But, I suppose the question everyone has for you is, exactly what do when it's not Christmas? Do you have to all the toymaking or what?

No, the head elf takes care of most of the ig. I use to do it myself but their union ... Gladys and I spend a good part of the year mmer home on the east coast of Brazil or at r home in Manhattan.

Manhattan, New York? No, no, no, Manhattan, Kansas. Nice little tile dead on weekends though. But Gladys

do you have any hobbies Santa? Reading or music?

No, don't do too much reading other than s I get. I like horseback riding a lot. Gladys off on scuba diving off the coast of Mexico

ou mentioned that you get a lot of letters. I y must be mostly from children asking for

No, actually, most of the letters are from demanding toys. I swear, some people's kids, getting a letter from some kid in Idaho for

the past 18 years. The guy must be in his 20s now and he keeps asking me what happened to the red wagon he was supposed to get back in the winter of '61. What am I supposed to do? It was probably a mix up in bookkeeping somewhere.

DU: Just out of personal curiosity Santa, how do you keep your beard so curly, your cheeks so rosy and yourself so fat?

Santa: For my beard I lie socks up in it over night and that curls. Well, I meant to say, how does Mrs. Claus is so nice and plump?

She feeds me a lot of olives. I happen to like nd unfortunately, each one of those little has 90 calories. Satisfied?

Santa, you're the man who gives away all the at Christmas. Exactly who do you get pre-



Santa: Gladys usually gets me something and the elves give me a thing they make from left over parts in the workshop. I have got more weird art objects in my livingroom than anybody, thanks to them. One year they took some left over toy trains, a bunch of skateboard wheels and a large stuffed camel and they made...

DU: Sorry to cut in Santa, but I need to ask you one last question.

Santa: Shoot.

DU: Do you ever have problems with people not believing in you?

Santa: Well, I'll tell you, if it weren't for the kids who believe in me, I probably wouldn't do my little errand every Christmas eve. Do you think I like having to drive my sleigh around the world, going up and down sooty chimneys and tiptoeing around strange people's livingrooms? I could think of better things to do but then the kids would be sad and who wants a sad kid, right? If grown-ups don't believe in me, that's their problem. They believed in me when they were little and I still haven't figured out why they stop believing in me when they grow up. I suppose it just isn't macho or chic to believe in a guy dressed in a furry red suit after the age of 15.

DU: Do you have a Christmas message that you want to give the people, Santa?

Santa: Yes. Clean your chimneys. Gladys really gets after me for getting my suit dirty every Christmas eve. It's one of those "Dry Clean Only" jobbies.

DU: Any other message? Perhaps of a more Christmasy theme?

Santa: Yes. Clean your chimneys with friends and family. People need to do more things with those they love. Everybody should also be giving more.

DU: You mean we should be giving more presents at Christmas?

Santa: No, not presents. I myself give presents because that's what people ask me for. By giving, I mean we should be giving more of our time and our caring — more of ourselves, and not just at Christmas time. Catch my drift?

DU: I think so. Thanks for the interview.

Santa: Hey, don't mention it.



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Yule customs vary across globe

By ANITA PENNINGTON
Universe Staff Writer

Christmas trees, carols, food, Santa Claus and snow are all part of American Christmas tradition. However, around the world, Christmas takes on a sense of uniqueness. Foreign traditions represent customs that extend back many years.

Russia
In Russia, Christmas is not an official holiday, according to Helen Fisher, a Russian professor at BYU. Christmas used to be a sacred holiday before the revolution, but since then it has been eliminated from the Russian calendar.

"Christmas is celebrated in Russia, but not officially," she said. "Russia has tried to become an atheist people, but they are religious regardless of what they pretend to be. The Soviet regime simply could not take away the traditions."

Christmas used to be a very sacred holiday in Russia, Mrs. Fisher added. Now the religious celebrate Christmas to commemorate the birth of Christ much more quietly. "Russia is very family-oriented. You can't break that and Christmas is a very family-oriented thing in Russia. The children are first in everything." The family attends church and afterwards, goes home for a "feast of love."

Some Christmas customs in Russia are similar to those in the United States. One is "Father Frost," the American version of Santa Claus, said Mrs. Fisher. "Father Frost is the legendary figure who brings the toys to the children." However, she said, the children are not encouraged to believe in Father Frost like other children believe in Santa Claus. "They know that it is their parents who give the gifts."

Christmas dinner with "super good food" is another similar custom in Russia, Mrs. Fisher said. "In old Russia, the traditional food was turkey or goose." No matter what the main meal consists of, though, it will be in abundance.

Japan

"I've never had a white Christmas in Japan," said Chie Nishimura, a graduate student majoring in English as a second language from Kochi, Japan. Lack of snow is the only difference between a Japanese Christmas and an American one, at least in the commercial sense, Miss Nishimura said.

"Christmas is very much commercialized in Japan," she said. It is considered a "fun time" to listen to jingle

bells, Christmas songs and to decorate small toy-like Christmas trees, she said. "In Japan, Christmas has no religious meaning except to those who are Christians," she said.

A special Christmas dinner is eaten on Christmas Day, Miss Nishimura said. Roast chicken is the popular food. There is also a Christmas cake. "It is a two-layered sponge cake with buttercream and sometimes chocolate topping. The cake is decorated in pink, white and rose colors." It is also decorated with "angelica" which is green colored and like dried fruit. Candles complete the cake decorations.

Santa Claus is very popular in Japan," Miss Nishimura added. "The children know that Santa will come and present presents by their pillow."

Members of the LDS Church in Japan sometimes go caroling to hospitals. They also have a Christmas party, she said.

"In a way, commercialism is good because, by people imitating the traditions, it gives them a chance to know the gospel. They can learn that Christians celebrate because of Christ's birth."

Australia

English dominate the Christmas celebrations in Australia and South Africa. These countries also lack snow during the Christmas season because in Australia, it's in the middle of summer.

"The climate is just like California's," said Roger Miller, a graduate student in geography from Perth, West Australia.

Lorraine Banfield, a senior majoring in fashion design from Capetown, South Africa, said: "Christmas there is awfully hot and very humid. We usually have a big meal with a lot of the English tradition, like roast and plum pudding. The only thing we did on Christmas was eat, sleep and maybe go to the beach or up in the mountains because it was so hot."

"We used to go to our grandparents house on Christmas and my grandmother would put money in the plum pudding or the cake," she said.

Another part of the Christmas dinner are the "Christmas crackers." These were trinkets and sweets wrapped in crepe paper which, when pulled by two people on two sides makes "a big bang and everything bursts out."

Christmas traditions in South Africa include Father Christmas, the same as Santa Claus, Miss Banfield said. Post cards are hung across the fireplace or the curtains and presents are put under the Christmas tree. "Lots of South African families open presents on Christmas Eve," she said.

"Most people go to church on Christmas day," she said. "It is a sacred day. However, it is also fairly commercialized."

"Christmas is very commercialized in Australia now, the same as here in America," Miller said. "A minority view Christmas as a religious holiday." Australia also has a Father Christmas, he added. Perth also has a Christmas Parade, "like Macy's," he said. "It is mostly for the kids."

Miller said they used to put coins in plum pudding when they were pure silver coins. Now, however, they don't do it because of the impure metal in the coins.

Another tradition in both countries is "Boxing Day" or Family Day. "Families used to wrap up unwanted presents and give them to the milkman and the mailman who in turn gave them to the poor," Miss Banfield said.

Now the families give money to distribute to the poor and if the families don't give, it is very offensive.

Peru

In Peru, Christmas has some unique traditions of its own. It is a special

time in which the family is very important.

"Christmas is a very, very religious holiday in Peru," said America Chum-pitaz, a junior in special education from Ica, Peru. The central theme centers around the birth of Christ. "The most important thing for us is Christ's birth."

Each family in Peru has a small nativity scene, called a "nacimientito," she said. "All of the figures are present except the baby Jesus. He arrives at midnight on the 24th of December."

Another unique Christmas custom in Peru is a group of dancers and musicians who dance from house to house, singing "villancicos," or short songs related with Christ. "The dancers have special dresses with shiny ribbons. They stop and dance for a little while at different houses," Miss Chum-pitaz said. "In the front of the group there is

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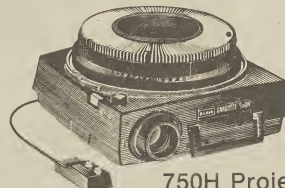
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180,000 Christmas lights illuminate Temple Square

By KEVIN STOKER
Universe Staff Writer

Every year in December, an automated nativity scene and 180,000 Christmas lights, connected by approximately 34 miles of cord and cable, illuminates Temple Square in Salt Lake City.

Long before the beginning of the Christmas season, a design is created by the electronics director Ned Huntsman. Beginning in late October one full time supervisor and two part-time workers begin the enormous task which takes until Dec. 1 to complete.

It all started in 1965 when the late Earl Hawkes, then general manager of the Deseret News, came up with the idea to illuminate Temple Square with lights and decorations in the same way the Boston Commons is illuminated during the Christmas season in Massachusetts. He and David W. Evans, director

of a Salt Lake City advertising agency, proposed the idea to LDS church leaders and the tradition began.

Other than a cutback during the oil crisis in the early 1970s, the lights have been a basic part of the Christmas season on Temple Square.

Electronics technician Dave Watson said the lights and exhibits are connected to specially-made cables and are remotely controlled by clocks which turn the lights on and off.

"Every year the colors and arrangements are changed," Watson said. "This year's nativity scene is totally automated and controlled by a computer."

Temple Square is left open until 11 p.m., instead of closing at the usual 10 p.m., to accommodate the crowds who come to see the lights. Watson said families make up the largest percentage of the visitors.



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Goodies help make jolly holidays

By COLETTE TAGGART
Universe Staff Writer

Christmas festivities always involve lots and lots of food. Especially sweet, calorie filled goodies that are usually only made during Christmas.

These special holiday treats make it difficult for most people to keep their weight down during Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Winifred Bates, BYU department of food science and nutrition, suggests that substitutions be made for high-calorie items and help avoid gaining holiday pounds.

She suggests using unsweetened canned fruits instead of the sweetened type and instead of large amounts of sugar or fat, use seasonings like vanilla, extracts, cinnamon, allspice, basil, and dillweed. Other substitutes

include yogurt instead of sour cream and lowfat cottage cheese instead of cream cheese. A lot of nuts are used in baking during the holidays but in some recipes crunchy cereals can be substituted. Low-calorie gelatins and pudding toppings can be used instead of the regular high-calorie brands.

"Low-calorie" is a relative term which is dependent upon portion size," said Mrs. Bates. "Even a 'low-calorie' dish can become 'fattening' if large portions are eaten. On the other hand, even a 'fattening' dessert can be relatively 'low-calorie' if only a very small portion is eaten."

Mrs. Bates stressed the importance of measuring all portions carefully.

The following delightful Christmas recipes will satisfy your taste buds and your calorie count without expanding your waistband.

CHEESE BALLS

3 oz. neufchatel cheese, softened
1/2 C shredded low-calorie process cheese product

1 C finely shredded carrot
1/3 C Grape Nuts cereal
2 TBL finely snipped parsley

In small bowl beat neufchatel and processed cheese. Pat shredded carrot dry with paper towel. Stir shredded carrot into cheese mixture. Cover; chill at least 1 hour. Combine cereal and parsley; set aside. Shape cheese-carrot mixture into sixteen 1-inch balls. Roll balls in cereal-parsley mixture, pressing into cheese-carrot balls to coat. Cover; chill up to 1 hour. Makes 8 servings. One serving (2 cheese and carrot balls) equals 65 calories.

WINTER FRUIT MOLD

2 4-serving envelopes low-calorie lemon gelatin

2 C boiling water

1 bottled ginger ale

1 tsp. rum extract

15 blanched almonds, halved

1/4 tsp. cloves

1/4 tsp. cinnamon

1 C chopped candied mixed fruit

1/2 C light raisins

1/2 C currants

1/2 C drained maraschino or canned pitted sweet cherries, halved

1/2 C coarsely chopped walnuts.

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in ginger ale. Pour 1/2 cup of the mixture into a 6-cup ring mold. Chill until set, but not firm. Arrange almonds in a single layer in a decorative pattern on top of set gelatin. Pour another 1/2 cup of the gelatin mixture over almonds.

Chill again until set, but not firm. Meanwhile, add spices, fruits, and walnuts to remaining gelatin mixture; chill until slightly thickened. Then spoon gently over gelatin in mold. Chill until firm — about 4 hours. Unmold. Serve with prepared whipped topping, if desired. Makes about 6 cups or 10 to 12 servings. One serving (about 1/2 cup) equals 50 calories.

CROWN JEWEL CAKE

1 4-serving envelope low-calorie orange, cherry, and lime gelatin

3 C boiling water
1 1/2 C cold water
1 4-serving envelope low-calorie lemon gelatin
1/4 C sugar
1 C boiling water
1/2 C canned pineapple juice
2 envelopes low-calorie dessert topping mix.

Prepare the orange, cherry, and lime gelatin separately, using 1 cup boiling water and 1/2 cup cold water for each. Pour each flavor into a separate 8-inch square pan. Chill until firm — at least 3 hours or overnight. Cut into 1/2 inch cubes. Set aside a few of each flavor for garnish.

Dissolve lemon gelatin and sugar in 1 cup boiling water; stir in pineapple juice. Chill until slightly thickened.

Prepare both envelopes of whipped topping mix as directed on package. Blend into the slightly thickened lemon gelatin. Fold in gelatin cubes. Spoon into 8-inch spring-form pan. Chill until firm at least 5 hours or overnight. Just before serving, run a spatula around sides of pan; then gently remove sides. Garnish top with reserved gelatin cubes. Makes 16 servings. One serving equals 50 calories.

CARROT COOKIES

1 1/2 C Quaker Oats

1 C (4 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese

1 C shredded carrot

3/4 C all-purpose flour

2/3 C butter or margarine, softened.

1/2 C raisins or chopped dates, if desired

1/3 C firmly packed brown sugar

1 egg

1 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. vanilla

1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. soda

1 tsp. cloves

Combine all ingredients; mix well. Drop by rounded tablespoonsfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet; flatten slightly. Bake at 375 F. for 16 to 18 minutes or until golden brown. Store in tightly covered container in refrigerator or in loosely covered container at room temperature. Serve for breakfast or as a snack. Makes about 2 dozen. One serving (2 Cookies) equals 231 calories.

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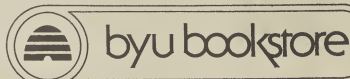
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'Ugly' ballet now a popular 'Nutcracker'

By DONNA IKEGAMI
Universe Staff Writer

The subject of the "Nutcracker" is me little," wrote Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky before he began writing ballet. Early in 1892, Tchaikovsky wrote to his brother, "And now it is the 'Nutcracker' is all ugliness."

The "Nutcracker" has since become one of the best-loved ballets in history. Dance companies in the United States and Europe, "The Nutcracker" is a box-office bonanza, according to a week magazine. "It is what pays bill for every company," added a representative of the Theater Ballet of Francisco.

Story differs

The original story, "The Nutcracker and the Mouse-King," was written in 1809 by German novelist, E.T.A. Hoffmann. In Hoffmann's gothic tale, only is the nutcracker a toy, it is a prince imprisoned inside a nutcracker. Alexandre Dumas (the elder) wrote the tale for children. It was a version that was used in the 19th century.

The ballet was first produced as "Le Noisetier" (Cracker of nuts) in St. Petersburg's Yevgeny Theater, On Dec. 6, 1892, ballet premiered alongside Tchaikovsky's last opera, "Iolanta."

This ballet is far weaker than "The Nutcracker." That is certain, it is one ballet critic. "For dancers, it is very little, for art, exactly the opposite. Even its music was rather weak."

In addition to producing a new opera and a new instrument also introduced that evening. He was in France, Tchaikovsky



At the Ice Prince's palace, two of the court's subjects perform for Clara, who is taken to her prince's kingdom in her dream. Ballet

West, the Salt Lake City-based company will perform "The Nutcracker" Jan. 3 at BYU.

heard the celesta. The new instrument "halfway between pianoforte and glockenspiel" used in the Sugar Plum Fairy solo was a particular joy to the composer. Tchaikovsky determined to keep the nature of the celesta a secret until the premiere.

The ballet was first presented in the West in 1934 in London by the Sadler's Wells Company. In 1940 "The Nutcracker" was introduced to the United

States in abbreviated form by the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. William F. Christensen, founder of Salt Lake City's Ballet West, was the first to choreograph the complete version of the ballet for an American ballet company when he was artistic director of the San Francisco Ballet in 1944. Derryl Yeager, a ballet instructor at BYU and Christensen pupil, considers this version to be one of the best in the world.

Productions vary

Since its first appearance in 1892, "The Nutcracker" has been presented in a variety of ways. In a 1929 Leningrad production, flowers entered the stage on bicycles.

Recently, a German version choreographed by John Neumeier portrayed Herr Drosselmeyer as a ballet master. Instead of going to candy land, Marie is led by Drosselmeyer to an empty theater stage where she learns how a ballet production develops.

Roland Petit's popular version is also unusual. After the nutcracker is injured, the children take up straw hats and do a soft-shoe routine. Instead of an exotic belly-dancer, a man in gold briefs does the Arabian dance.

Most major dancers and choreographers have appeared in past "Nutcracker" performances. In 1934, the famous English prima ballerina Margot Fonteyn made her first stage appearance as a young dancer with Sadler's Wells Company, dancing the role of a snowflake. Rudolf Nureyev, Mikhail Baryshnikov and George Balanchine and other modern-day ballet greats have danced various "Nutcracker" roles.

Once labelled a flop in Russia, "The Nutcracker" is now a Christmas favorite among both young and old. The appeal of the dance, music and fantastic plot will probably continue to delight audiences this year and in years to come.

A list of Christmas ideas to whet your imagination

By JANACE BRUCKLER
Universe Staff Writer

Christmas is coming soon, you have finals to worry about, you still have lots of gifts to buy and your imagination is running dry.

Well, relax.

If you consider the special interests and hobbies of your friends, you can come up with wonderful and very personal presents that you can make yourself in a limited amount of time.

Most of the following gift suggestions involve only some imagination and a trip or two to a local store. So read on and your gift-giving problems will be solved.

The Hobby Shop in the Wilkinson Center offers many Christmas present ideas for those who like to work with wood. You can make a spice rack, picture frame, bread box, some wooden toys or a child's chair that will leave a lasting memory of this Christmas season.

The girls in the Wilkinson Center Craft Shop may give you some gift-giving ideas and provide you with the needed materials. Ribbon wreaths, string tree decorations, pine bough centerpieces and decorative brooms are among the seasonal gifts they suggest.

For those friends with a sweet tooth, a glass storage jar decorated with ribbons, filled with lots of colored candies or homemade cookies and cakes is a gift that is both delicious and practical.

Give a nest of mixing bowls to a favorite chef. An addition of wooden

utensils, whisks and an oven mitt will turn them into a neat kitchen kit. Tuck in a few recipes for added inspiration.

For your green-thumbed friend, how about a bouquet of herb seed and gardening supplies like small pots, a miniature rake, hoe and shovel and plant hooks. Include a small plant book for budding enthusiasts.

If you know someone who likes to knit or crochet, a canvas tote bag with a potpourri of yarns, several needles or hooks and knitting or crochet design books would be the ideal gift.

A decorative cracker tin with an old-time design is a natural for antique lovers and collectors. Fill it with dried fruits, nuts, or candies. Once the food is gone, the box makes an interesting container for everything, from paper clips to the crackers it was originally intended for.

Every seamstress needs a thread box to keep sewing needs handy. Ribbon wrap the box with a tape measure and instead of a bow, top the package with a pin cushion.

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Your favorite reading buff will love a straw magazine rack filled with catalogs, magazines, or other kinds of publications. Choose those that pertain to his or her hobbies and interests.

Now that you have a few gift-giving ideas, plug in your creative battery and go.



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The Snow Queen and Snow Prince, danced by Derryl Yeager, perform in Ballet West's "Nutcracker." Yeager now is a BYU ballet instructor, directing the university's Theater Ballet.

Traditions

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ady who carries a little bed with the by Jesus in it. When they stop at the izes, they go inside and sing and nce for the baby Jesus. The families in give the group drinks and refreshments.

Sometimes different dancing groups compete. Miss Chumplitz d. "Every group has different colors, d they wear a lot of bells. Most of the neers are between eight and 12 years l. It is really beautiful and colorful."

Christmas food in Peru is special, Miss Chumplitz added. Panetion a special sweet bread with dried ruts, somewhat like a French nut cake, they also have a drink with their ristmas dinner, called "ponche," a e of cider made with apples, aches, pineapple and cinnamon.

Most of all, the family is iphazised. "The family is together Christmas," she said, even though t physically. "We are together ough the light of Christ. That is the st important thing."

Germany

"Germans become like little kids at ristmas. It is the expert country on ristmas," Mrs. Fisher said, who ew up in Germany after her parents migrated from Russia. "The ristmas tree came out of Germany. rmany also started the advent lender and wreath."

Children are very much involved in ristmas," she said. "They are en- uraged to make their presents, not to y them. They also must write a em on a pretty piece of paper, e memorize it and then recite it by the

Christmas tree before they receive their presents."

The children don't see the Christmas tree until Christmas Day, Mrs. Fisher explained. However, the tree stays up past Christmas day. "Here in America everything ends at Christmas. In Germany everything begins at Christmas. It is celebrated for a long time."

"In my home, we open gifts on Christmas Eve and never before the first star comes out," she said. The children put special plates under the chimney for presents. St. Nick brings presents to children who are good, she said. If they are bad, he gives them switches.

The Christmas tree is very special in Germany, she said. "You cannot think of a German family without a Christmas tree. The poorest people will have one. The trees are decorated with Christmas cookies, apples and real candles."

Christmas is a time of baking in Germany and one of the special foods is "stollen," a long, overlapped loaf of sweet bread with dry fruit, like apricots and raisins and topped with powdered sugar, she said.

Christmas in Germany is not commercial, rather it is a time saturated with "gemuetlichkeit," a word which cannot be translated directly into English, but means something like coziness and a strong family warmth, loyalty and bond.

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Christmas holidays: time to serve less fortunate

By SHAWNA PUSEY
Universe Staff Writer

The ASBYU Student Community Services Office is doing its share of helping make Christmas more exciting for the less fortunate this year.

The Office, headed by Paul McKean, sponsors the Sub for Santa program and it is at its best this year. So far, 152 families, more than double what was done last year, have been matched with students and student groups willing to share in Christmas preparations for these families and senior citizens.

According to Sally Wise, director of the program, the families being helped requested assistance through the Division of Family Services office.

The Helaman Halls housing complex is going to be Santa's sub for eight families.

The students work with the parents of the family to make all the Christmas preparations before they go home themselves for the holidays.

"Each of the halls have been given a family to sponsor," said Keith Lockhart, president of the Helaman Hall council. "They are basically campaigning for donations of money to buy food, gifts for the children and clothing. We've had an overwhelming response and the head residents think it's the best program Helaman Halls has had."

The "You've Got a Friend" program recently hosted a party for all of the "little friends" assigned to student volunteers. Participants who sponsor a

little friend in this program spend at least one hour per week with them for a minimum of six months. At the party the children were greeted by Santa Claus. All present participated in decorating a tree which will be on display during the holidays in the Wilkinson Center.

In addition, the office has a new program this holiday season called "Gonna be here for Christmas?" which is designed to organize students staying in Provo for the holidays to help in Christmas-oriented service projects.

"We will even provide transportation if necessary," said McKean. "We plan to go to visit and sing Christmas carols at the Utah Valley Hospital and rest homes in the area," he said.

"Another program we've been able to help out on this year is the Forgotten Patient Program at the Utah State hospital," McKean said.

"Students may contact the hospital to receive the name of a patient and what they would enjoy receiving for Christmas, or they may donate money to help provide a present for a patient whose name did not go out," said Janina Chilton, public relations director for the hospital.

Ms. Chilton said the hospital is in need of homemade cookies and candies as well as help wrapping presents for the patients.

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ing by the busload to pour out their Christmas desires.

"First I ask them if they want to sit on Santa's lap — and 100 percent of them say yes," Hatton said. "It's almost automatic."

"With the hearing children, it's different, a certain percentage of them are afraid..." he added.

Hatton, a psychology student at Olaf College who wants to become a counselor to the deaf, said he has been given time off from his clerking job at a San Leandro department store and from his studies to use his sign language skills as Santa.

"My boss told me, 'Don't worry about it, you just go out there and do it,'" said Hatton, whose hearing is normal.

"This gives deaf children the feeling that it's OK to be deaf and that there's a Santa Claus who cares," he said. "How many people care? Not too many."

Hatton donned his Santa suit at the Oakridge Mall last week at the suggestion of Helen Mendel, owner of an antique photos shop and a member of the mall's board of directors.

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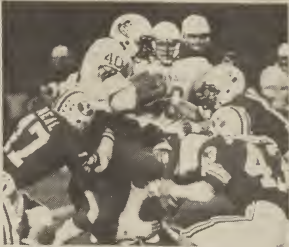
Cougar athletes do more than carol

JEFF FARLEY
Senior Staff Writer
 The Cougar athletes will be involved in a variety of activities during the Christmas season.
 The team will be competing in tournament and others will be practicing for next semester's schedule. Some coaches will be recruiting, but that Cougar fans will be able to follow favorite teams, is a schedule of activities during vacation break.
 The football team will be through for the year in the Holiday Bowl, coaches will spend time with their families and might do recruiting, but LaVell Edwards, they would stay close to home during the holiday vacation.
 The basketball team will be one of the busiest U teams during

Christmas break. The cagers will travel to Logan on Dec. 22 to play Utah State and then they will head to Portland to participate in the Far West Classic on Dec. 26-29.

The Cougars then play two WAC road games, the first against New Mexico on Jan. 3 and then UTEP on Jan. 5 before settling back in Provo for the winter semester. The UTEP game will be televised by TVS at 11:00 (MST).
 The swim team will be enjoying the warm weather of Hawaii over the holiday break.

On Dec. 31, the Cougars will compete in a four-way meet against the University of Hawaii, San Diego State, and San Francisco State at Hawaii's Honolulu campus. Then on Jan. 2 and 3, BYU men's and women's teams will participate in the Rainbow Invitational Swimming



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The two-day meet will feature 1978 NCAA champion Cal-Berkeley, perennial power Indiana, the University of Houston, and Texas Tech. This is the first year the women's teams are competing in the Rainbow Classic and they will be competing against tough squads from Hawaii and Indiana.

All-American golfer Bobby Clampett will be playing in the Japanese All-Star tourney this week and Clampett, Keith Clearwater, David DeSantis, and Dick Zokol will compete in the Spaulding Tournament at Monterey, Calif., during Christmas vacation.

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To obtain a Christmas tree cutting permit Provoans will have to travel at least 200 miles, according to a Bureau of Land Management spokesman.

"The only areas which have permits left are Vernal, Cedar City and Moab," the spokesman said.

Although permit fees are only \$1 dollar, "it would probably cost about the same or more as it would to buy your tree from a downtown lot," the spokesman said.

The BLM office in Salt Lake City held a lottery with their 600 permits because of the great demand for trees. Christmas trees sold locally will cost from two and a half to three dollars more per foot than last year's trees, according to local dealers. Dealers site inflation and shipping costs for the leap in prices.

The men's tennis team will have several players competing in tournaments during the holidays. John Sanford and Mike Tammen will be playing in a tournament in Milwaukee for collegiate players, and other Cougar netters will participate in a tournament for collegiate players at Sunny Hills Racquet Club in Fullerton, Calif.

Track coach Clarence Robison said his squad will be working out over the holidays in preparation for the indoor season which begins Jan. 19 at Pocahontas.

Robison said the team would compete in an intrasquad meet on Jan. 12, and added that the team would hold an intrasquad meet every

week of the season until June.

The soccer team will also be practicing indoors during vacation to "develop better ball control by practicing with a smaller ball," Coach Jim Dusara said.

Dusara said his plans during the semester break include a recruiting trip to California.

The baseball team is idle during the break with no competition scheduled other than the normal player workouts and practice.

So Cougar fans (especially freshmen), now that you know where and when your favorite teams and athletes will be playing, you can watch them if they're in your area and you will then have something to write about for your first paper of the winter semester. What I Did Over Christmas Vacation. Rise and Shout, the cougars are out.

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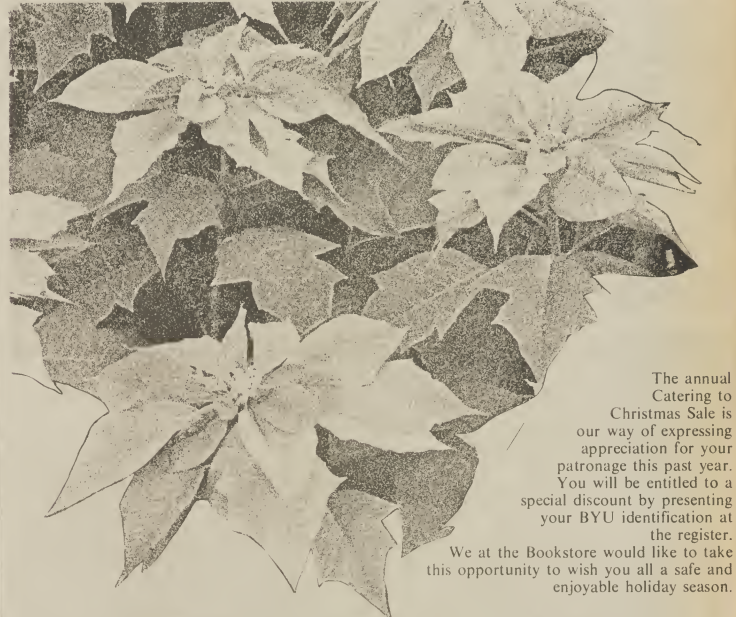
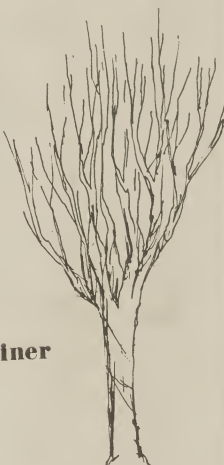
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